

## Regular School Board Meeting May 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Jacob Lien, Cynthia Nord, Jesse Carey, Jenna Gross, Tog Anderson, and Superintendent Peter Bahr. Members absent, Grant Mistic.

I. The meeting was called to order by Jacob Lien at 7:00 a.m.

II. Under Items for Individual Action Remove #4, Consider hiring Amos Bessler as the .25 FTE Ag Teacher for the 2026/27 school year, and add #13, Consider eliminating the Three-Year Old Program due to lack of enrollment. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross, to approve the agenda changes. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. The Building Trades Open House will be on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.

2. Our Spring Choir Concert, featuring the Sr. & Jr. High Choirs, along with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will be on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.! The big number that evening will be the medley from GREASE! Come and see the kids dressed up like the 50's singing some of our favorite songs from GREASE!

3. We received a phone call from Anita Swedberg praising Blackduck School for always displaying the flag and playing the National Anthem at all home sporting events. She has been attending lots of softball games this spring and has noticed that many schools that they have traveled to do not display the flag or play the anthem. We should all be very proud of our school for carrying on this tradition.

B. Open Comments from General Participation – None

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Approve January bills
4. Approve Donations

Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross to approve the consent agenda items. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to designate the Superintendent as the Identified Official with the Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System. Motion approved unanimously

2. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by T. Anderson to hire Danielle McKeeman as a full-time HS Art Teacher for the 2026/27 school year. BS, Step 12, \$66,828. Motion approved unanimously

3. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by C. Nord, to hire Dan Bera as a full-time STRIDE Teacher for the 2026/27 school year. BS, Step 4, \$52,522 Motion approved unanimously

4. Removed from Agenda

5. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by C. Nord, to hire Jacob Schocker as a full-time Night Custodian effective 4/16/26, per the AFSCME contract, \$19.25 per hour. Motion approved unanimously

6. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to accept Ryan Stomberg's request to hold summer school beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through the month of July 2026. Motion approved unanimously

7. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross, to accept Mel Cleveland's request to negotiate her Community Ed Director contract for the 2026/27 school year. Motion approved unanimously

8. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to accept Katrina Stewart's resignation effective May 29, 2026. Motion approved unanimously

9. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by C. Nord to accept Gabriella Waller's resignation effective May 29, 2026. Motion approved unanimously

10. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to accept Lynne Hentges' request for retirement effective August 31, 2026. Motion approved unanimously

11. Motion was made by J. Gross, seconded by T. Anderson, to accept Vicky Nipp's request to hold summer school beginning June 9-12, June 16-18, June 23-26, June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1-2. Motion approved unanimously

12. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to approve the updated May 2026 Blackduck School Wellness Policy. Motion approved unanimously

13. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by J. Gross, to eliminate the Three-Year-Old Program due to lack of enrollment. Motion approved unanimously

C. Items For Discussion

1. Logo Options
2. Graduation
3. Fuel Tanks for Bus Garage
4. Increase Superintendent Approval Amount for Purchases

V. Reports

- A. Elementary Principal's Report was presented by Susan Frank.
- B. 7-12 Principal Report was presented by Kelly Stultz.
- C. Enrollment Report
- D. Superintendent's Report was presented by Peter Bahr.

VI. Communications

VII. Future Meetings

- A. Regular School Board Meeting will be June 1, 2026, at 6 p.m.

VIII. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by J. Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 a.m. Motion approved unanimously.

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

